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"Then you're a chauffeur, all right." returned the lawyer, forcing the rough garment on the man. "Here; climb in under that machine, and don't you dare unscrew anything. Pretend you are fixing."

He pushed the refugee toward the machine and saw him wriggle beneath it, then heard Mariano's agitated voice calling in the hotel. An instant later the maitre d'hotel rushed out to the enrance gates and threw them wide open, revealing two carabinieri without, who immediately entered. Then ensued a conversation in Italian that was pure Sanskrit to Pike, who looked on with calm interest. The commandant of the file addressed the lawyer in a long speech, to which Pike smiled and waved a cigar.

"Wishing you many happy returns, colonel," he said genially, and Mariano hastened forward.

"It is the robber of Russia. They think he climb the wall, the assassin. The others, they surround all yonder. These two, they search here. They ask you please, signore, have you seen him climb the wall."

"No," replied Daniel shortly, turning "They ask, then, has any one crossed

the lawn?" went on the servant. "No," replied Daniel, and as he spoke me of the men pointed his gun beneath the car at the figure in the long

"He ask who that is, signore," said Mariano excitedly, also pointing.

"The new chauffeur for the machine from Paris," answered Pike casually, and, with a bow, the two went off, one to the right and the other to the left.

As they disappeared Von Grollerhagen
came walking across the grass with
some white rags in his hands and an ed smile upon his face.

"Is there a new eruption of Vesuvius?" he asked, waving the cloths. Daniel met him and took the rags. "No," he said aryly. "It's an eruption colonels trying to arrest a high



You are an American?" ol professor. I've got him under

your car there, yonder.' The start the German gave would have been ludicrous in any other situa-

"My friend," he said, "do you realize the penalty for protecting a criminal from arrest?"

"I told them he was your chauffeur, We'll be proud of the risk, doc." He turned to the refugee under the machine. "This man owns the car," he went on. "You can trust him the same as your own father." And the German shrugged his shoulders in protest. There was a clatter of arms, and Pike

looked up. "Look out!" he said. "The governor's staff is coming back," And as the carabinieri returned he said casually to Von Grollerhagen:

"You'll have to get a new front tire, doc. That one is pretty near gone. Better have Jim here put on the spare ne when he gets through." The German looked at him.

"Do you know what you are asking me to do?" "To have a new front tire put on,"

answered the lawyer. The police were ooking on with interest, and finally Mariano approached. "The carabinieri, with all excuse

beg that you will order the chauffeur

to step forth from the machine." Pike made an exclamation. "No, sir! I worked on that machine myself for three hours. He's got his hands full of nuts and bolts and screws half fastened. We want to get the job finished. Tell them to go on up

Main street with their Knights of Pythias parade and come around some ay when we're not busy." Mariano held a hurried consultation with the carabinieri and turned back. "Because the chauffeur have been engage today the carabinieri ask ten thousand pardons, but inquire how

long he have been known to his em-"How long! Why, he was raised on doc's father's farm!" "If that is so"- began Mariano. "So? Of course it's so. Tell 'em,

The German looked at Mariano gravely. "You have heard my friend say it."

"I have your permission, Herr von Grollerhagen, to reveal your incognito to the carabinieri?"
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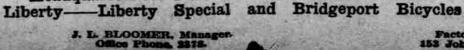
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